

REMARKS

This document is filed in response to the office action dated November 28, 2006. Claims 1-80 are presented for examination.


The Examiner rejected claims 1-18 and 20-80 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Whitehouse et al., U.S. 2002/006810 ("the '810 application"). The Examiner also rejected claims 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the '810 application in view of Proctor and Gamble, WO 97/04036.

Applicant submits herewith a Declaration by Mr. Robert Whitehouse, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A." In the Declaration, Mr. Whitehouse avers that "[t]o the extent that U.S. Application No. 2002/0068810 discloses, but does not claim, any of the subject matter covered by the pending claims of the above-captioned application, such subject matter originated from me." See paragraph 3. In view of Mr. Whitehouse's Declaration, the '810 application does not qualify as prior art under § 102(a) or § 102(e). Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these two rejections.

Enclosed is a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney's Docket No. 14074-007001.

Respectfully submitted,

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